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BRAKE OVERSTROKE INDICATION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on 12-09-2004. Please amend the application in the following particulars.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, (703) 872-9306, on March 8, 2005.

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Trenado locates the buckling member to be adjacent the brake pad to provide engagement with the drum when the brake pad has worn down below a predetermined minimum (FIG. 3) such that the wear sensor 40 acts like a vibrating reed and generates a distinct and audible noise.

Trenado does not buckle. The claims are patentable.

New claims 17-21 recite further features of a method of indicating an overstroke condition of a brake assembly which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

New claims 22-23 recite further features of a brake assembly in which the overstroke sensor are out of contact with the operating shaft assembly. This is not disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and is thus properly allowable.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are required. However, should any additional fees or extensions of time be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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